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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS:** Spiel et al.  
**TITLE:** SEMI-AUTOMATIC PLASTIC SPIRAL BINDING MACHINE  
**SERIAL NO.:** 10/003,028  
**FILED:** November 2, 2001  
**GROUP ART UNIT:** 3722  
**EXAMINER:** M. Henderson

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Response addresses the Office Action dated July 26, 2004  
(Paper No. 20040717).